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RESPONSE AND ELECTION

In response to the Official Action dated March 1, 2006, in connection with the above-identified application, please enter the following remarks:

Remarks/Arguments begin on page 2 of this paper.

REMARKS

Claims 60-114 remain in the application. The Examiner believes that two distinct and independent inventions are claimed, and therefore has required restriction between two inventions, identified respectively as Group I, claims 7-9 and 49-59, and Group II, claims 60-114 of the present application. The Examiner has requested applicant to elect an invention for prosecution on the merits.


Accordingly, applicant elects the Group II claims, claims 60-114, to prosecute in the present application, without traverse. Applicant is also filing a separate divisional application directed to the Group I claims, claims 7-9 and 49-59 to pursue in a separate application.

Accordingly, an early and favorable action on Claims 60-114 is therefore earnestly solicited. The Examiner is encouraged to call the undersigned attorney to resolve any unresolved issues in the present application.

In connection with the foregoing matter, please charge any additional fees which may due, or credit any overpayment, to Deposit Account Number 50-1133.

Respectfully submitted,
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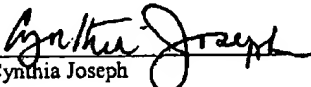
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